

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-50 (Cancelled).

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): An assembly comprising:

a panel of fragile material having two faces and at least one edge surface connecting said faces, the at least one edge surface comprising a first contact region and a second contact region, wherein a portion of said panel is interposed between said first and second contact regions; and

at least one point fastener occupying a small area of the panel, each said at least one point fastener comprising a first anchoring part configured to engage said first contact region and a second anchoring part configured to engage said second contact region; and

at least one rigid adjusting device configured to apply a force in a direction parallel to said faces and along a line connecting the first and second anchoring parts to draw the first and second anchoring parts toward one another, whereby the first and second anchoring parts bear against the interposed portion of the panel at the first and second contact regions, respectively,

whereby the panel can be fixed to a bearing structure by way of the point fastener.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein the second contact region is situated on a side of the panel.

Claim 53 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 51 herein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is within a blind orifice.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is at an edge provided at an open orifice.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is at an edge provided at a cut-out.

Claim 56 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is at an edge provided at a number of raised regions.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein at least one of the first and the second contact regions is produced by pinching.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein the first and second contact regions are positioned on two respective adjacent side edges of the panel.

Claim 59 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 58, wherein the first and second contact regions are positioned one on each side of an axis of symmetry of the panel.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein the fixing system comprises two of said point fasteners, each of said point fasteners positioned on a different side of said panel.

Claim 61 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, further comprising a rigid interlayer positioned between one of the first and second contact regions and one of the first or second anchoring parts.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein the adjusting device comprises a tensioning device.

Claim 63 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 62, wherein the tensioning device comprises a screw-nut device.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The assembly as claimed in claim 62, wherein the adjusting device comprises a torque-limiting device.

Claim 65 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 61, wherein the rigid interlayer comprises a rigid interlayer element and an adhesive material, the rigid interlayer element contributing to dimensional stability by reacting forces while the adhesive material allows an adhesive bond to be achieved.

Claim 66 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 65, wherein the interlayer element is made of a material with a Shore D hardness of the order of at least 70 to 75.

Claim 67 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 66, wherein the material of which the interlayer element is made is chosen from transparent materials of polycarbonate or hard silicone that do not adversely affect esthetics.

Claim 68 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 65, wherein the adhesive material has a Shore A hardness of the order of 30 to 35 and is chosen from silicone adhesives.

Claim 69 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 65, wherein the interlayer element is arranged along an axis of a mid-plane of the panel.

Claim 70 (Withdrawn): The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein one of the first or second contact regions is fitted with a ferrule, having the point fasteners passing through it.

Claim 71 (New) The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein the material is a transparent glazing.

Claim 72 (New) The assembly as claimed in claim 51, wherein the material is glass.